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Section of the "Securitate" with regard to
encouragement from Radio Free Europe's
broadcasts of "The tendency toward independence
from USSR in Romania."**

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Summary:

Description of memorandum from Radio Free Europe's (RFE's) New York headquarters to the Paris RFE bureau directing the Paris bureau to use its broadcasts to subtly encourage Romania to adopt foreign policies which would lead to greater independence from the USSR.

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Romanian

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Translation - English

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From Paris, we send you this report numbered 118/E of 27 January [1964]: [Radio] Free Europe's (RFE) central office in New York recently sent a written order to the Paris RFE bureau with regard to the future direction of their broadcasts as it concerns our country. The document suggests that future broadcasts should aim to stimulate "Romania's tendency towards independence from the USSR." In order to accomplish the task, the Paris bureau is directed through the document to obtain data that show Romania's recent purchases of industrial equipment from the West. This data is to be used to argue that, lately, the People's Republic of Romania (PRR) is moving closer to the West, where industrial equipment is cheaper and of better quality. From [our] sources it becomes clear that the Paris RFE bureau has very little data on this issue. Furthermore, in a separate paragraph of the document, the Central office in New York directs [the Paris RFE Office] to refer to our country as Romania rather than PRR in its future broadcasts.
ss. Major Caraman
For Conformity
Major Florian Plaiasu